

Devotional Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Opening Hymn: (Stand)

Immaculate Mother

Immaculate Mother,
To you do we plead
To ask God, our Father
For help in our need.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave Maria

We pray for our country,
The land of our birth;
We pray for all nations
That peace be on earth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave Maria



Opening Prayers: (Remain standing)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, as children of our Blessed Mother, we are gathered before her miraculous picture to honor her and to pray for all our needs. Unworthy children that we are, let us first of all ask God's mercy and pardon.

All: Merciful Father * you sent your Divine Son * to redeem us by his death and resurrection * and to give us new life. By this you make us your children * to love one another in Christ. How many times in the past * we have forgotten this sublime dignity. We have sinned against our brothers and sisters; * we have offended you. Merciful Father, forgive us. Repenting sincerely of our sins we ask your mercy; * may we always live as your truly devoted children.

Reading of Petitions and Thanksgivings

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest (Please Stand)

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest,
Help of all who call on thee,
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest
Help us, help we cry to thee

Lady Help in pain and sorrow
Soothe those rack on bed of pain
May the golden light of morrow
Bring them health and joy again

CHORUS:

Mary help us, help, we pray:
Mary help us, help, we pray
Help us in all care and sorrow
Mary help us, help, we pray.

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Mary help us, help, we pray,
Help us in all care and sorrow
Mary help us, help, we pray.

Novena Prayer

Dear Mother of Perpetual Help * from the cross Jesus gave you to us for our Mother. You are the kindest the most loving * of all mothers. Look tenderly on us your children * as we now ask you to help us in all our needs * especially this one ... (Pause to recall your petition). While you were on earth, dear Mother * you willingly shared in the sufferings of your Son. Strengthened by your faith and confidence * in the fatherly love of God * you accepted the mysterious designs of His will.

We too, have our crosses and trials. Sometimes they almost crush us to the ground. Dearest Mother * share with us your abundant faith and confidence in God. Make us aware that God never ceases to love us; * that He answers all our prayers * in the way that is best for us. Strengthen our hearts to carry the cross * in the footsteps of your Divine Son. Help us to realize * that he who shares the cross of Christ * will certainly share His resurrection.

Dearest Mother, as we worry about our own problems * let us not forget the needs of others. You always loved others so much; * help us to do the same. While praying for our intentions * and for the intentions of all here present at this Novena * we earnestly ask you, our Mother * to help us comfort the sick and the dying * give hope to the poor and the unemployed * heal the broken-hearted * lighten the burden of the oppressed * teach justice to their oppressors and bring back to God all those who have offended Him.

Dearest Mother, help us to avoid sin which separates us from our heavenly Father * and from one another. Full of trust in you * we place ourselves under the mantle of your maternal protection * and confidently hope for your powerful help. Amen.

Prayer for the Home

Mother of Perpetual Help * we choose you as Queen of our homes. We ask you to bless all our families * with your tender motherly love. May the Sacrament of Marriage * bind husbands and wives so closely together * that they will always be faithful to each other * and love one another as Christ loves his Church.

We ask you to bless all parents. May they love and cherish the children * whom God has entrusted to them. May they always give them the example * of a truly Christian life. Help them to bring up their children * in the love and fear of God. Bless all children * that they may love, honor and obey * their fathers and mothers. To your loving care * we especially entrust the youth of today.

Give us all a sense of responsibility * that we may do our part * in making our home a haven of peace * like your own home at Nazareth. We take you as our model. Help us to grow daily in genuine love of God and neighbor * so that justice and peace may happily reign * in the entire family of mankind. Amen.

Petitions to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Please Respond – Pray for us

Holy Mary

Holy Virgin, conceived without sin

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Now Respond – Loving Mother, help us.

We sinners call to you

Seasonal-
ADVENT:

That we may prepare like you for the coming of Christ

CHRISTMAS:

That we may give out hearts completely to Christ, this Christmas

LENT:

That we may be faithful to the promises we made at Baptism

EASTER:

That we may rejoice with you at Christ's victory over death

Other Weeks:

That we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become courageous witnesses of Christ's love for men

That we may be more and more like our Divine Lord, as you were

That we may be meek and humble of heart like your son, Jesus

That we may fear losing God's friendship forever by unrepented sin

That we may seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness constantly in the sacrament of Penance

That we may be aware of God speaking to us in the events of daily life

That we may pray daily with love and trust, especially in moments of temptation

That we may realize the value of worshipping God together in the Eucharist

That we may grow in the love of Christ and neighbor by frequent Communion

That we may reverence our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving concern for others

That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our own work conscientiously

That we may forgive from our heart those who have wronged us

That we may see the evil of seeking our own interest at the expense of others

That we may work for the just distribution of this world's goods

That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community

That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service

To pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops and the clergy

That we may be blessed with an increase in priestly and religious vocations

That we may bring the knowledge and love of Christ to those who do not know him

That we may be aware of our dependence in God in the midst of human achievements

That we may be ready at death to enter the home of our heavenly Father

That we may die at peace with Christ and our fellowmen

That we may be comforted at the death of our dear ones by our hope in the risen Lord

To pray that our departed brothers and sisters quickly share in your son's resurrection

Let us pray in silence for our own intentions (Pause)

All: Holy Mary help us in our needs * pray for all the people of God; * may all experience your perpetual help.

Leader: Lord, you gave us Mary to be our Mother ever ready to help us; grant us the grace to have recourse to her in all our needs.

All: Amen.

Consecration (1st Wednesday of the month)

Immaculate Virgin Mary * Mother of God and Mother of the Church * you are also our Mother of Perpetual Help. With hearts full of love for you * we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart * so that we may be your devoted children. Obtain for us true sorrow for our sins * and fidelity to the promises of our Baptism.

We consecrate our minds and hearts to you * that we may always do the will of our heavenly Father. We consecrate our lives to you * that we may love God better * and live not for ourselves but for Christ your Son * and that we may see him and serve him in others.

By this humble act of consecration * dear Mother of Perpetual Help * we pledge to model our lives on you * the perfect Christian * so that consecrated to you in life and in death * we may belong to your Divine Son for all eternity. Amen.

Mother of Christ

(Please Stand)

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
What shall I ask of thee?
I do not sigh for the wealth of earth
For the joys that fade and flee
But, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
This do I long to see
The bliss untold which your arms enfold
The treasure upon your knee.

Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
I toss on a stormy sea,
Oh, lift your Child as a beacon light
To the port where I fain would be
And, Mother of Christ, Mother of Christ
This do I ask of thee,
When the voyage is o'er, O stand on the shore
And show him at last to me.

Silent Prayer (Pause)

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ * truly present in the Most Blessed Eucharist * we adore you. It has pleased the Father * that in you all his fullness should dwell * and that through you * he should reconcile all things to himself. Grant us the grace to be truly grateful * for all that our Father has done for us. Grant that we may be truly sorry for our sins * and do penance for them.

Through you, we thank the Eternal Father for the gift of life. He has created all the wonderful things of this world for us. May we learn to use them well * so that through them * we may grow in love for Him.

Above all, we thank our Father * for sending you to us * as the greatest expression of his love * to save us and all creation * by your death and resurrection.

We thank you Lord * for giving us your own Mother to be our Mother of Perpetual Help. May the countless favors we have received through her intercession, * and especially through the Novena * inspire us to greater confidence in God's loving mercy * and her perpetual help. Grant that we may always do the holy Will of God * and persevere in his love.

To the Most Holy Trinity * Father, Son and Holy Spirit * be honor, glory and thanksgiving forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer (Pause)

Prayer for the Sick

Lord Jesus Christ * you bore our sufferings and carried our sorrows * in order to show us clearly * the value of human weakness and patience; * graciously hear our prayers for the sick. Grant that those who are weighed down * with pain and other afflictions of illness * may realize that they are among the chosen ones * whom you call blessed. Help them to understand * that they are united with you in your sufferings * for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria
Triumph, all ye cherubim
Sing with us, ye seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

The cause of joy to men below, O Maria
The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria
Angels, all your praises bring,
Earth and Heaven with us sing,
All creation, echoing
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.